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For: BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR WITH RAISED BASE CONNECTION REGION AND
PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment being submitted prior to commencement of examination in this matter. The claims of the present application were previously amended in a substitute specification filed on March 19, 2007, however, in the event that these claim amendments were not properly made by the substitute specification, applicant presents herein a preliminary amendment amending the claims of the application. Please preliminarily amend the claims as follows:

Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.

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